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The America Recovery and
Reinvestment Act
For
The Northern Mariana Islands

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Introduction

This booklet, compiled by the Office of Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, contains information about the funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Act is intended to provide economic stimulus to the nation during this time of economic hardship, to protect and create jobs, and to help build a base for future economic health.

The booklet has two purposes: The first is to assist the Commonwealth Government in accessing funds that are available to the Northern Mariana Islands in the Recovery Act. Many of these are formula-based grants to existing programs. Federal agencies have already begun to notify agencies in the Commonwealth regarding new funding that will be available for existing programs and further notifications will continue in the weeks ahead. Some of the funds will be available on a competitive basis. State-level governments, such as the CNMI, that submit the best grant proposals will receive funding.

The second purpose of this booklet is to provide the general public with basic information about federal assistance and funding opportunities available to the Northern Mariana Islands in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Members of the public who are interested in programs listed here should contact the federal agencies in charge (using the contact information provided in the booklet) and the local agencies that are responsible for that particular type of program.

Please note: Because of the complexity of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and because the Commonwealth may in some cases have unique arrangements for accessing federal program funds, not all applicable programs are included in this booklet. Furthermore, allocations of funds to the U.S. insular areas are in some cases subject to the discretion of federal program administrators. For these reasons the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply. We will continue to update this booklet, as new information becomes available.

Information and Resources:

- America Recovery and Reinvestment Webpage: www.recovery.gov
- Clearinghouse of government information: <http://www.usa.gov>
- How to apply for federal contracts: <https://www.fbo.gov/>
- How to apply for federal grants: <http://www.grants.gov/>
- How to access various federal benefits: <http://www.govbenefits.gov>

AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND RURAL SERVICES

Agriculture

Program:	Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations
Federal Funding:	\$145 million
Funding Agency:	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture
CNMI Authorized Project:	Kagman Watershed
Description:	Watershed Operations is a voluntary program which provides assistance to sponsoring local organizations of authorized watershed projects, planned and approved under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-566). NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of watershed protection; flood mitigation; water quality improvements; soil erosion reduction; rural, municipal and industrial water supply; irrigation water management; sediment control; fish and wildlife enhancement; and wetlands and wetland function creation and restoration. Funding is available for already-authorized watershed projects. There are over 300 unfunded authorized watershed projects totaling \$1.28 billion. The proposed \$145 million would alleviate a small portion of the unfunded projects.
Contact information:	Natural Resources Conservation Service Attn: Public Affairs Division P.O. Box 2890 Washington, DC 20013 202-720-1560(Phone)
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/

Nutrition Services

Program:	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Federal Funding:	\$500 million
Funding Agency:	Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	WIC's goal is to improve the health of low income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breast-feeding postpartum women, and infants and children up to 5 years old. WIC provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, and access to health services. Participants receive vouchers that can be redeemed at retail food stores for specific foods that are rich sources of the nutrients frequently lacking in the diet of low-income mothers and children.
Contact Information:	Food & Nutrition Service Food Distribution Division 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax) Email: fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/

Program:	The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
Federal Funding:	\$150 million
CNMI Funding:	\$20,439
Funding Agency:	Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a Federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. While states receive one portion of their TEFAP assistance in the form of federally donated food commodities, the CNMI receives its entire allocation in cash.
Contact	Food & Nutrition Service

Information:	3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax) Email: fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/

Program:	Emergency Food and Shelter
Federal Funding:	\$100 million
CNMI Funding:	\$64,000 (based on best available information to date)
Funding Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Description:	Provides food and shelter for those in need.
Contact Information:	Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20472 202- 646-2500(Phone)
Website:	http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm

Rural Services

Program:	Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account
Federal Funding:	\$ 1,067,000,000 for section 502 direct loans \$10,605,000,000 for section 502 unsubsidized guaranteed loans.
Funding Agency:	Rural Housing Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	These loans are available for low- and very low-income households to obtain homeownership. Applicants may obtain 100% financing to purchase an existing dwelling, purchase a site and construct a dwelling, or purchase newly constructed dwellings located in rural areas. Mortgage payments are based on the household's adjusted income. Under the Guaranteed Loan program, the Housing and Community Facilities Programs guarantees loans made by private sector lenders. (A loan guarantee through HCFP means that, should the individual borrower default on the loan, HCFP will pay the private financier for the loan.) The individual works with the private lender and

	makes his or her payments to that lender. Under the terms of the program, an individual or family may borrow up to 100% of the appraised value of the home, which eliminates the need for a down payment. Since a common barrier to owning a home for many low-income people is the lack of funds to make a down payment, the availability of the loan guarantees from HCFP makes the reality of owning a home available to a much larger percentage of Americans.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Rural Community Facilities Program Account
Federal Funding:	\$130 million
Funding Agency:	Rural Housing Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	Community Programs administers programs designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities. Community Programs utilizes three flexible financial tools to achieve this goal: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account
Federal Funding:	\$1.38 billion
Funding Agency:	Rural Utilities Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	The purpose of this program is to develop water and waste

	disposal systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage, in rural areas and towns. Funds are available to public entities, such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts. In addition, funds may be made available to corporations operated on a not-for-profit basis. Priority will be given to public entities in areas with less than 5,500 people to restore a deteriorating water supply, or to improve, enlarge, or modify a water facility or an inadequate waste facility. The purpose of this program is to reduce water and waste disposal costs to a reasonable level for facilities serving the most financially needy communities/users of the system. Grants may be made, in some instances, up to 75% of eligible project costs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband
Federal Funding:	\$2.5 billion
Funding Agency:	Rural Utilities Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	Through our Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, USDA Rural Development offers rural communities help in developing facilities to make these exciting new services accessible. Financial assistance is available through loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations. Distance learning projects provide funding for computers and internet hookups in schools and libraries. Now, students living in sparsely populated rural areas can obtain the same quality of education previously offered to suburban and urban areas. Telemedicine provides rural clinics and health care centers with instant access to physicians hundreds or thousands of miles away. The physician can do anything from conversing with the patient to making visual examinations, to running complicated tests.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Rural Business Program Account
Federal Funding:	\$150 million
Funding Agency:	Rural Business-Corporate Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	To make available to rural communities through Rural Utility Service borrowers grants to be used for revolving loan funds for infrastructure, community facilities, healthcare and educational type projects.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

COMMERCE

Program:	Broadband Technology Opportunities
Federal Funding:	\$4.7 billion
Funding Agency:	National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.
Description:	Funding is provided to award competitive grants to accelerate Broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas and to strategic institutions that are likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. \$200 million shall be used for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity. \$250 million shall be for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption. Internet service providers would be required to provide open access to broadband networks built using the federal funds.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Commerce 325 Broadway Boulder, Colorado 80305-3328 (303) 497-3500
Website:	http://www.ntia.doc.gov/

Program:	Economic Development Assistance Programs
Federal Funding:	\$150 million
Funding Agency:	Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
Description:	The program's funding is first distributed regionally on a formulaic basis based on high unemployment or low per capita income, and then each region actively seeks competitive applications. \$50 million will be used for economic adjustment assistance to help communities recover from sudden and severe economic dislocation and massive job losses due to corporate restructuring. \$50 million may be transferred to federally authorized, regional economic development commissions.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230 202-482-2000 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml

Program:	Operations, Research, and Facilities
Federal Funding:	\$230 million
Funding Agency:	National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration
Description:	The Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Projects Funding provides habitat restoration, navigation projects, vessel maintenance, and other activities. Funding is based on competitive grants.
Contact Information:	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Room 5128 Washington, DC 20230 301- 713-1208 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.noaa.gov/index.html

PUBLIC SAFETY

Program:	Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs
Federal Funding:	\$225 million (50 million shall be for Transitional housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault.)
CNMI Funding:	\$630,273
Funding Agency:	Office on Violence against Women, U.S. Department of Justice
Description:	Funding for Violence against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs will be available until September 30, 2010. \$175 million is for the STOP Violence against Women Formula Assistance Program. \$50 million is for transitional housing assistance grants. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. State and local units of government, non-profit non-governmental victims' services programs may apply.
Contact Information:	Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) 800 K Street, N.W., Suite 920 Washington, D.C. 20530 Phone: 202-307-6026 Fax: 202-305-2589 TTY: 202-307-2277 Website: www.usdoj.gov/ovw
Website:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm

Program:	Byrne Grants
Federal Funding:	The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - \$2 billion The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program - \$225 million
CNMI Funding:	The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – \$1,640,925 The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program-Competitive Grant
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice
Description:	The JAG Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

	The Competitive Grant Program is an open, competitive solicitation. The funding must be used to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Only projects that are national in scope and respond to one or more of the priorities listed in the solicitation will be considered.
Contact Information:	Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/

Program:	COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)
Federal Funding:	\$1 billion
Funding Agency:	State and Local Enforcement Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
Description:	CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.
Contact Information:	Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/

Program:	State Fiscal Stabilization Flex Funds
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
CNMI Funding:	\$12,194,000* (estimate here is based on equal division of funds)
Description:	Allocation based on “need” as determined by the Secretary of Education in consultation with the Secretary of Interior. For public safety and other government services, which may include assistance for elementary and secondary education and public institutions of higher education and for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities consistent with a recognized green building rating system?
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Program:	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
Federal Funding:	\$210 million
Funding Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Description:	Competitive grant to provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade, or construct fire stations.
Contact Information:	DHS/FEMA/Grant Programs Directorate Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Tech World Bldg - South Tower 5th Floor 500 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20472 1-866-274-0960 (Phone)
Website:	www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Program:	Micro-Loan Program
Federal Funding:	\$6 million for direct loans
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Description:	Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	7(a) Loan Guarantee Program
Federal Funding:	\$375 million was included for temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program.
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To ensure small businesses have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business. Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program. SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722)
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	504 Loan Program
Federal Funding:	\$375 million was included for the temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program.
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To ensure small businesses maintain have access to 504 loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business. Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 504 loan program.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	Business Stabilization Program
Federal Funding:	\$225 million
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that has a qualifying small business loan and is experiencing immediate financial hardship.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

EDUCATION

Program:	Education for the Disadvantaged (Title I)
Federal Funding:	\$13 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$2,552,414
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education
Description:	\$10 billion will go toward Title I formula grants and \$3 billion toward School Improvement grants. These funds should be available during school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to help school districts mitigate the effect of the recent reduction in local revenues and State support for education. \$5 billion of the Title I formula grants will be allocated through the targeted formula and the same amount should be allocated through the education finance incentive grant formula.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Education Technology
Federal Funding:	\$650 million
CNMI Funding:	\$ 299,619
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	The Enhancing Education through Technology program supports State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology into curricula in order to improve teaching and learning. Funding shall be used for technology hardware, software applications, professional development and related instructional technology staff and services. These funds should be used to improve student academic achievement and ensure that students are college and workforce ready by ensuring that every student has 21st century skills and is technology literate. In addition, the funds should be used to increase ongoing and meaningful professional development around technology that leads to changes in teaching

	and curriculum and improves student achievement.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Vocational Rehabilitation
Federal Funding:	\$680 million
CNMI Funding:	\$ 270,196
Funding Agency:	Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research, U.S. Department of Education
Description:	This program provides grants to support a wide range of services. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for employment, and who require VR services. Priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities if a state is unable to serve all eligible individuals.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Independent Living State Grant
Federal Funding:	\$18.2 million
CNMI Funding:	\$ 22,523
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	The purpose of the independent living programs is to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence and productivity of individuals with disabilities and to integrate these individuals into the mainstream of American society. Independent living programs provide financial assistance to provide, expand and

	improve independent living services.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education, OSERS 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 5055, PCP Washington, DC 20202-2800 202-245-7404 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailob/index.html

Program:	Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants
Federal Funding:	\$100 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	States may use grant funds to reform teacher licensing and certification requirements; provide alternative methods of teacher preparation; and provide alternative routes to State certification. The funds provided in the economic recovery bill will assist States in modernizing the teaching workforce, address teacher shortages, and provide new routes to teaching for jobless individuals seeking to enter the teaching field.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Student Financial Assistance
Federal Funding:	\$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. Each eligible student will be given an increase of \$490. For the Federal Work-Study Program, ARRA provides \$200 million in supplemental discretionary appropriations for fiscal year 2009. These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn. Pell Grant has increased in 2009 by \$490.
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds,

	to provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B
Federal Funding:	\$11.3 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$174,906
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	IDEA Program Part B authorizes education of school aged children (grants to states) and a state grant program for preschool children with disabilities.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 202-884-8215 (Phone)
Website:	http://idea.ed.gov/ http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Program:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C
Federal Funding:	\$500 million
CNMI Funding:	\$16,323
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	IDEA Program Part C authorizes state grants for programs serving infants and toddlers with disabilities.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202

	Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 202-884-8215 (Phone)
Website:	http://idea.ed.gov/ http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Program:	Fiscal Stabilization-Education Fund
Federal Funding:	\$53.6 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$54,806,000 (estimate here is based on equal division of funds)
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	Support of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and as applicable, early childhood education programs and services. Includes Kindergarten through grade 12 school modernizations: repair, renovation, energy efficiency improvements to existing schools.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Fiscal Stabilization-General Purpose (Flex Fund)
Federal Funding:	\$53.6 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$12,194,000 (estimate here is based on equal division of funds)
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	For public safety and other government services, this may include assistance for elementary and secondary education, public institutions of higher education and for modernization: renovation, or repair of public school facilities consistent with a recognized green building rating system.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

TRANSPORTATION

Program:	Territorial Highway Program
Federal Funding:	\$45 million
CNMI Funding:	\$4.5 million
Funding Agency:	Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Description:	Funds may be available for eligible surface transportation projects, cost-effective preventative maintenance activities, road improvements including planning, environmental studies, and design, construction, operation, and maintenance of highways.
Contact Information:	Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590 800-832-5660 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/summary.htm

Program:	Transit Capital Assistance
Federal Funding:	\$6.9 billion (formula + discretionary grants)
CNMI Funding:	\$1,114,292 (based on formula grants)
Funding Agency:	Federal Transit Administration, USDOT
Description:	Grants are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas. Urban Area Section 5307 and Non-urbanized Area Section 5311 grants. Discretionary grants: Under the new energy program, funding is also distributed for capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems.
Contact Information:	Federal Transit Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590 1-800-877-8339 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Program:	Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust
Federal Funding:	\$200 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	Through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program, EPA provides resources to states and territories for the oversight, enforcement and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks. EPA will award these funds based on their priority lists for the program.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Brownfields Projects
Federal Funding:	\$100 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)
Federal Funding:	\$300 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	Created in 2005, the DERA program provides grants and loans to states and local governments for projects that reduce diesel emission. Priority projects include those that maximize public health benefits by significantly reducing particulate matter emissions which are a significant threat to both human health and a likely contributor to global warming. The program also targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Clean Water State Revolving Funds
Federal Funding:	\$4 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$1,551,700
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's CWSRF program awards annual capitalization grants to states as a long-term source of state financing a) for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities, b) for the implementation of non-point water quality management activities, and c) for the development and implementation of comprehensive estuary conservation and management plans.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460

	202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview
Program:	Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
Federal Funding:	\$2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$1,902,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides grants, distributed by formula, to states to capitalize their revolving loan funds which then finance drinking water infrastructure improvements. Community water systems, and non-profit, non-community water systems, are eligible to have projects funded. Some examples are projects to: rehabilitate or develop sources of drinking water; install or upgrade treatment facilities; install or upgrade storage facilities; install or replace transmission or distribution pipes; and replace aging water system infrastructure. Funds can also be used to conduct project feasibility studies, engineering design work, and project administration.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

ENERGY

Program:	State Energy Program
Federal Funding:	\$3.1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$18.6 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	The State Energy Program (SEP) provides grants to states and directs funding to state energy offices. States use grants to address their energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. This funding will provide resources for activities in state energy offices, including key initiatives such as residential, commercial and governmental building energy efficiency retrofits.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://www.energy.gov/recovery/

Program:	Weatherization Assistance Program
Federal Funding:	\$5 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$2,137,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	Enables low income families to reduce energy bills by making homes more energy efficient. Services include attic, wall and basement insulation, blower-door-guided air leakage reduction; heating system repairs or replacement; and health and safety testing and inspections. All measures are provided based on an on-site energy audit and on cost-effective guidelines. The program has been expanded to include households at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The maximum allowed per household has been increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500.
Contact	U.S. Department of Energy

Information:	1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://www.energy.gov/recovery/

Program:	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
Federal Funding:	\$3.2 billion
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	Assists local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm#eligible

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Program:	Dislocated Workers State Grant
Federal Funding:	\$1.25 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$595,309
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Program is to provide services to individuals who have been terminated or laid off, or have received notice of termination or layoff, from employment generally due to company closures or downsizing. Core services will include job search and placement assistance (including career counseling); labor market information (which identifies job vacancies; skills needed for in-demand jobs).
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	Youth State Grants
Federal Funding:	\$1.2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$512,149
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Youth Program provides services to youth ages 14-24. The main thrust of the Youth Program is to increase the focus on longer-term academic and occupational learning opportunities and provide long-term comprehensive service strategies through summer jobs and training programs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	Adult State Grants
Federal Funding:	\$500 million
CNMI Funding:	\$205,279
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Intended to be customer-focused, to help Americans access the tools they need to manage their careers through information and high quality services, and to help companies find skilled workers.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	Community Service Employment for Older Americans
Federal Funding:	\$120 million
CNMI Funding:	\$390,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Community service and work based training program for older workers. Provides subsidized, part-time community service work based training for low-income persons age 55 or older who have poor employment prospects.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	YouthBuild
Federal Funding:	\$50 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	This competitive grant program funds projects that provide

	education and construction skills training for disadvantaged youth. Participating youth work primarily through mentorship and apprenticeship programs to rehabilitate and construct housing for low-income families.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors
Federal Funding:	\$750 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Funds distributed by a competitive grant process to provide worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. For research, labor exchange, and job training prospects that prepare workers for careers in deconstruction and materials use industry, energy efficient building, construction, and retrofits industries. In awarding remaining funds, priority shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Program:	Child Care and Development Block Grant Program
Federal Funding:	\$2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$1,882,000
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Supplements child care assistance for low-income families and improve the quality of infant and toddler care.
Contact Information:	Adm. for Children and Families San Francisco Regional Office 90 7th St., 9th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103 415-437-8400(Phone) 415-437-8444(Fax)
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html

Program:	Children and Families Services Programs (Head Start/Early Head Start)
Federal Funding:	\$2.1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$340,000
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Child development programs with overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children in low income families.
Contact Information:	Administration for Children and Families 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html

Program:	Community Services Program
Federal Funding:	\$1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$800,000
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Funds to address the needs of low-income individuals to ameliorate the causes and conditions of poverty.
Contact Information:	Administration for Children and Families 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html

Program:	Senior Meals Program
Federal Funding:	\$100 million
CNMI Funding:	\$65,000
Funding Agency:	Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Provides nutritional meals to the elderly.
Contact Information:	Administration on Aging Washington, DC 20201 202 619-0724(Phone)
Website:	http://www.aoa.gov/

Program:	Medicaid
Federal Funding:	\$86.6 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$6.5 million (based on 30% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments)
Funding Agency:	Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Insular areas have the following two options for benefits: (a) 6.2% increase in the Federal Medicaid Assistance

	Percentages (FMAP) plus 15% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments; OR (b) 30% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments.
Contact Information:	Medicare Service Center: 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227) Medicare Service Center TTY: 877-486-2048 Report Medicare Fraud & Abuse: 800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477)
Website:	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp

Program:	National Health Service Corps
Federal Funding:	\$300 million
Funding Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment. Funds will be used for training primary healthcare providers including doctors, dentists, and nurses as well as helping pay medical school expenses for students who agree to practice in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps.
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone) 1-877-696-6775 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.hrsa.gov/

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Program:	Community Development Block Grants
Federal Funding:	\$1 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$1,374,719
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Under the Recovery Act, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/

Program:	Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Federal Funding:	\$2.25 billion
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Partners with local non-profit groups to build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.
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Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/

Program:	Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Federal Funding:	\$2 billion
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Competitive Grants. Funds can be used by grantees to purchase and redevelop foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitate abandoned or foreclosed-upon homes, establish land banks, demolish blighted structures, and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/recoveryact.cfm

Program:	Homelessness Prevention Program
Federal Funding:	\$1,492,500,000
CNMI Funding:	\$589,165
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	The Homelessness Prevention Fund will provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program are intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds will provide for a variety of assistance, including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homeless-prevention.cfm

Program:	Project-Based Rental Assistance
Federal Funding:	\$2 billion
CNMI Funding:	\$104,208
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	The Section 8 Program was authorized by Congress in 1974 and developed by HUD to provide rental subsidies for eligible tenant families (including single persons) residing in newly constructed, rehabilitated and existing rental and cooperative apartment projects.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/pbrassistance.cfm